



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

### BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-035

#### Halton Regional Official Plan Amendment 1

#### **A by-law to adopt an amendment to the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of Halton to implement Provincial changes to “area of employment” in the Planning Act and “employment area” in the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (File No. 42.15.70)**

**WHEREAS** the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of Halton as it applies to the geographic area of the Town of Oakville was adopted by Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton on March 30, 1994 and was subsequently approved, with modifications, by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on November 27, 1995;

**WHEREAS** Regional Official Plan Amendment 48, which defined a Regional Urban Structure that provides a structure and a hierarchy in which to direct population and employment growth was adopted by Regional Council on July 7, 2021, and approved by the Province, with modifications, on November 10, 2021;

**WHEREAS** Regional Official Plan Amendment 49, which updated Halton’s strategy for accommodating growth was adopted by Regional Council on June 15, 2022, and approved by the Province, with modifications, on November 4, 2022. In December 2023, through Bill 150, *Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023*, the Province rescinded its November 2022 decision on ROPA 49. Following this, in May 2024 through Bill 162, *Get It Done Act, 2024*, the Province reinstated certain modification from its original November 2022 decision on ROPA 49 which were supported by the Local Municipalities in Halton;

**WHEREAS** through Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, Halton Region was identified by the Province as an “upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities”;

**WHEREAS** through Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, as of July 1, 2024, the Regional Plan is no longer an Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of Halton. Instead, it will be deemed an Official Plan of each of the Local Municipalities in Halton (the City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton, and Town of Oakville) until such time as it is revoked or amended by the respective municipality;

**WHEREAS** subsection 21(1) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, states that a council of a municipality that is within a planning area may initiate an

amendment to any official plan that applies to the municipality, and section 17 applies to any such amendment;

**WHEREAS** the approval authority, under subsection 17(1) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, is the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ontario Regulation 525/97 outlines conditions for exemption from approval; and,

**WHEREAS** it is deemed necessary to pass an amendment to the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of Halton to address Provincial changes to “area of employment” in the *Planning Act* and “employment area” in the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

**COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The attached Amendment 1 to the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of Halton, attached as “Appendix A”, is hereby adopted.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make an application to the Approval Authority, being the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, for exemption of approval of the aforementioned Halton Regional Official Plan Amendment Number 1, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 525/97.

PASSED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026

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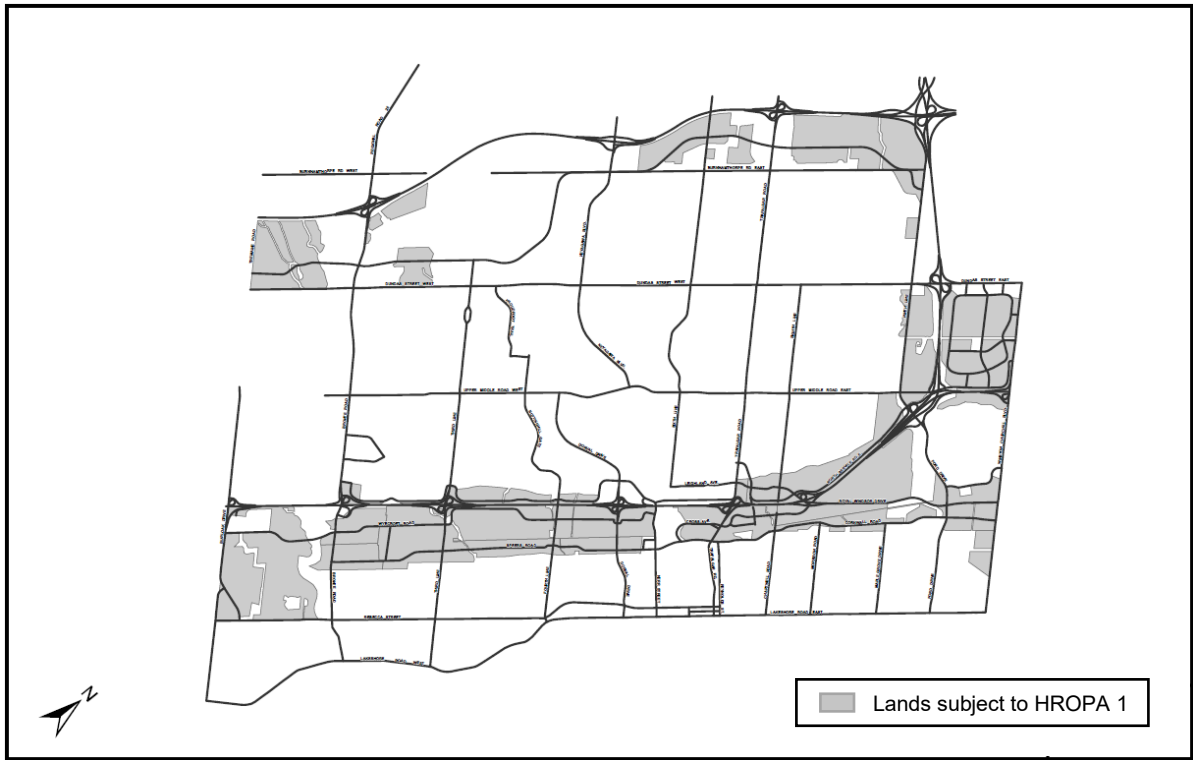
MAYOR

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CLERK

**APPENDIX "A" to By-law 2026-035**

Lands subject to amendments to the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of Halton



## APPENDIX “B” to By-law 2026-035

**Halton Region Official Plan Amendment Number 1  
to the Town of Oakville’s Official Plan for the Regional  
Municipality of Halton****Constitutional Statement**

The details of the amendment, as contained in Part 2 of this text, constitute Halton Region Official Plan Amendment Number 1 (HROPA 1) to the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of Halton (the Halton Region Official Plan) as it affects the geographic area of the Town of Oakville.

**Part 1 – Preamble****A. Subject Lands**

The proposed amendment applies to Regional Employment Areas in the Halton Region Official Plan that are in the geographic area of the Town of Oakville.

**B. Purpose and Effect**

The purpose of the proposed Halton Region Official Plan Amendment (HROPA) is to modify the text and schedules of the Halton Region Official Plan as it affects the geographic area of the Town of Oakville to address provincial legislation that changed the definition of “area of employment” in the *Planning Act* and “employment area” in the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

The effect of the proposed amendment to the Halton Region Official Plan as it affects the geographic area of the Town of Oakville is to:

- a) Repeal section 83, Employment Areas;
- b) Have the Halton Region Official Plan refer to the Town’s Local Official Plans for policies relating to employment lands; and,
- c) Identify changes to schedules.

**C. Background and Basis**

- Provincial changes to the definitions of “area of employment” in the *Planning Act* and “employment areas” in the PPS, 2024 came into effect on October 20, 2024. One of the intents of these changes was to prioritize “areas of employment” for industrial employment uses.

- In November 2022, Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, was introduced by the Province. The legislation proposed that Halton Region become an “upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities”. In accordance with Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, this change to the Region’s responsibilities came into effect on July 1, 2024. This change means that the Halton Region Official Plan is now an Official Plan of the Town of Oakville.
- The Town of Oakville’s Official Plans must conform to, or be consistent with, the *Planning Act* and the PPS, 2024, which required a comprehensive Employment Areas Review.
- The Town of Oakville completed the Employment Areas Review in 2025. The completed study report was received and [endorsed](#) by Council on November 3, 2025. Council directed staff to prepare an Official Plan Amendment in accordance with the study report to implement the provincial changes.

## **Part 2 – The Amendment**

### **A. Text Changes**

The amendment includes the changes to the text of the Halton Region Official Plan as described in the following table. In the “Description of Change” column, text that is bolded and underlined is new text to be inserted into the Halton Region Official Plan, while text that is struck out is to be deleted from the Halton Region Official Plan.

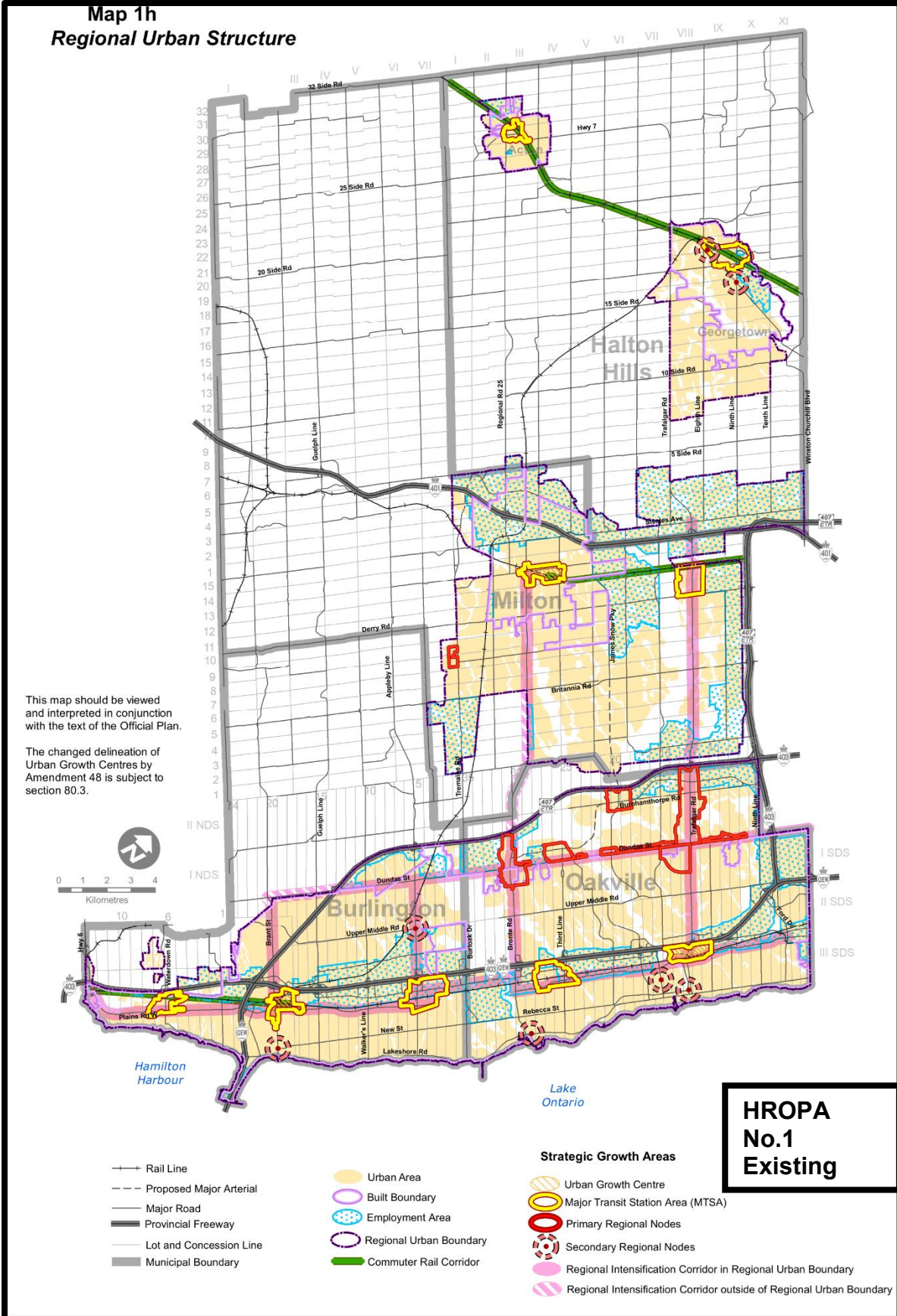
Item No.	Section	Description of Change
	<b>51.3</b> HALTON'S REGIONAL STRUCTURE	Amend paragraph (2) as follows:  <del>Regional Employment Areas</del> <b><u>Lands</u></b> that are subject to policies and/or conditions for development as described in <del>Section 83 to 83.2 of this Plan and which are shown on Map 1H</del> <b><u>section 14 of the Livable Oakville Plan and section 7.6.8 of the North Oakville East Secondary Plan.</u></b>
	<b>83</b> EMPLOYMENT AREAS	Delete and replace with:  <b><u>Refer to section 14 of the Livable Oakville Plan and section 7.6.8 of the North Oakville East Secondary Plan for policies related to Employment Lands.</u></b>
	<b>83.1</b> EMPLOYMENT AREAS	Leave section number and delete policy in its entirety.
	<b>83.2</b> EMPLOYMENT AREAS	Leave section number and delete policy in its entirety.
	Map 1H	Add the following note above the two existing notes to the left of the map:

		The Employment Area overlay depicted on this map is out of date. Refer to the schedules in the Livable Oakville Plan and North Oakville East Secondary Plan for information about the location of and policies related to Employment Lands (formerly “employment areas”).
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**B. Schedule Changes**

1. This Official Plan Amendment includes the modifications to the schedules to the Halton Region Official Plan Map 1H – Regional Urban Structure as shown in **Attachment 1**.

**ATTACHMENT 1 to HROPA 1**  
Changes to Schedules  
to the Halton Region Official Plan

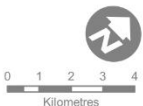
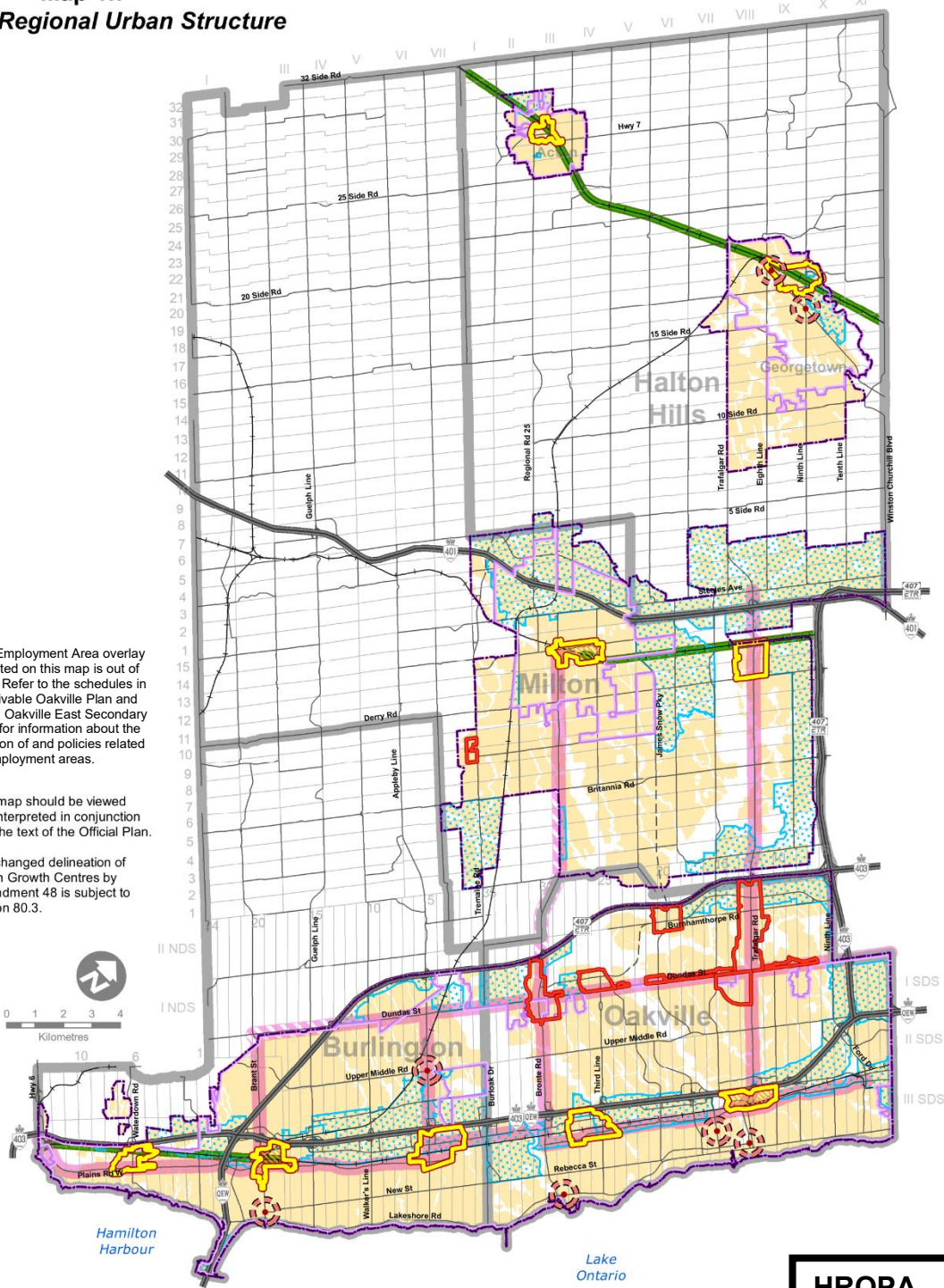








**Map 1h**  
**Regional Urban Structure**

The Employment Area overlay depicted on this map is out of date. Refer to the schedules in the Livable Oakville Plan and North Oakville East Secondary Plan for information about the location of and policies related to employment areas.







This map should be viewed and interpreted in conjunction with the text of the Official Plan.

The changed delineation of Urban Growth Centres by Amendment 48 is subject to section 80.3.



-  Rail Line
-  Proposed Major Arterial
-  Major Road
-  Provincial Freeway
-  Lot and Concession Line
-  Municipal Boundary

-  Urban Area
-  Built Boundary
-  Employment Area
-  Regional Urban Boundary
-  Commuter Rail Corridor

- Strategic Growth Areas**
-  Urban Growth Centre
  -  Major Transit Station Area (MTSA)
  -  Primary Regional Nodes
  -  Secondary Regional Nodes
  -  Regional Intensification Corridor in Regional Urban Boundary
  -  Regional Intensification Corridor outside of Regional Urban Boundary

**HROPA  
No.1  
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